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Health Insurance Oversight Hearing Witness List

Washington D.C. (September 15, 2009) – Domestic Policy Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) today announced the witness list for the upcoming two-part hearing entitled, “**Between You and Your Doctor: the Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance,**” that will be held on September 16 and 17, 2009. The hearing will examine how the bureaucracy of private health insurance companies affects the medical care of patients.

On **Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154,** the Subcommittee will hear testimony from:

Panel One

Mr. Mark Gendernalik
Father of Sidney Gendernalik, Los Angeles, California

Ms. Erinn Ackley
Daughter of William Ackley, Red Lodge, Montana

Dr. Mel Stern
Pediatrician, Highland, Maryland

Dr. Linda Peeno
Former review physician for Humana, Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Wendell Potter

Former head of corporate communications for CIGNA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Panel Two

Ms. Karen Pollitz

Project Director, Health Policy Institute
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Mr. Michael Cannon

Director, Health Policy Studies
Cato Institute, Washington, DC

The second part of the hearing on **Thursday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the same location** will hear testimony from:

Panel One

Mr. Richard A. Collins,

Senior Vice President of Underwriting, Pricing, and Healthcare Economics
United Healthcare Group
CEO, Golden Rule Insurance Company
President, UnitedHealthOne

Mr. Brian A. Sassi,

President and CEO, Consumer Business
Wellpoint, Inc.

Ms. Patricia Farrell,

National and International Business Solutions

Aetna Global Benefits and Medicaid
Aetna, Inc.

Mr. James H. Bloem,
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Humana, Inc.

Mr. Thomas Richards,
Senior Vice President of Product CIGNA Healthcare

Ms. Colleen Reitan,
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Health Care Service Corporation

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